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CONFIDENTIAL RECORD SHEET

REGISTRATION AND SUBSCRIPTION SERVICE

APPENDIX A

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

DATE March 17, 1981

FULL NAME Joe Dan Denison
(No initials if you can possibly get full name)

ADDRESS 3615 Ames Road

CITY Lancaster STATE Texas ZIP CODE 75134

DATE OF BIRTH August 1945 (This is important and should be exact)

APPROXIMATE AGE 35 (To be used ONLY when date of birth is not known)

RELIGION ? NATIONALITY Anglo-American

OCCUPATION Sales Representative - Southwestern Bell Telephone Company

EDUCATION College Degree

WEIGHT Approximately 145 lbs HEIGHT 5' 8" RACE White

COLOR OF HAIR light brown COLOR OF EYES ?

OUTSTANDING CHARACTERISTICS OR INTERESTS Participant of two or three National Jamborees - Several trips to Philmont

MARRIED OR SINGLE Single CHILDREN none
(Number, ages, and names, if possible)

WIFE'S NAME -

SCOUTING CONNECTIONS:

UNIT #	CITY	STATE	OFFICE	DATE REGISTERED	DATE RESIGNED
503	Dallas	Texas	Scoutmaster	Approximately 1971	1981

SPECIAL RECOGNITION Eagle Scout - Silver Beaver 1975

SUSPENDED OR DENIED REGISTRATION FOR FOLLOWING REASONS:

Was arrested on Monday, March 16, 1981, for sex abuse.

SPECIFY THE FACTS WHICH LEAD YOU TO RECOMMEND DENIAL OF REGISTRATION AND LIST ATTACH SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS (STATE ONLY KNOWN FACTS, NOT RUMOR, CONJECTURE OR SPECULATION):

NOTED
APR 6 1981
JOSEPH L. ANGLIM

F. STARON
MAR 19 1981

Signed [signature]
SCOUT EXECUTIVE

Council Circle Ten - Dallas, Texas

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3615 Ames Rd.
Lancaster, Texas 75134
June 6, 1991

David K. Park
Legal Counsel
Boy Scouts of America
P.O.Box 152079
Irving, Texas 75015-2079

Dear Mr. Park:

I have received your letter dated June 4, 1991 responding to my request to be allowed to register in Scouting. I must say that I am disappointed in being denied the opportunity.

I do not question the right of the Boy Scouts to deny membership to anyone. I was in Scouting for more than twenty years and enjoyed the program very much. I am most disappointed to learn that after ten years(since being denied membership), after a successful civil suit against my accuser, after a dismissal of charges following a complete investigation, that the Scouting organization still will not allow me to register.

What is most puzzling to me is that I was allowed no input, no opportunity to express myself. I can only conclude that a review consisted of reading the same dossier that is just as inaccurate today as it was ten years ago.

Even a convicted felon at least has a point at which the sentence is completed and justice is served.

I still strongly deny my guilt, so I am not asking for forgiveness. I do realize that at age 35(when the accusations were made) I was idealistic rather than pragmatic and that some lapses in good judgement put me in the position where these false charges could be made. I just never believed the organization would not believe me or at least consider the evidence before passing judgement.

Please add this to my dossier.

Joe D. Denison

Joe D. Denison

To: Heidi

3615 Ames Rd.
Lancaster, Tx 75134
June 3, 1991

Ben Love
Chief Scout Executive
Boy Scouts of America
P.O.Box 152079
Irving, Tx 75015-2079

Mr. Love;

Attached is a copy of a letter mailed on February 28 of this year. May I have the courtesy of a reply?

Sincerely,

Joe D. Denison

Joe D. Denison

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

National Office
1325 Walnut Hill Lane
P.O. Box 152079, Irving, Texas 75015-2079
214-580-2000

June 4, 1991

Mr. Joe Dan Denison
3515 Ames Rd.
Lancaster, TX 75134

Dear Mr. Denison:

Your letters of February 14, 1991 to Paul Ernst and February 28, 1991 to Ben Love have been referred to me.

After reviewing the matter, we do not feel that it is appropriate that your registration should be renewed in the Boy Scouts of America.

As stated by Mr. Ernst, in his letter of February 22, 1991 you may still enjoy the privilege of full participation as a parent in the Boy Scouts of America program.

Thank you for your interest in Scouting.

Very truly yours,

David K. Park
National Legal Counsel

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DAVID K ...ARK

3615 Ames Rd
Lancaster, Tx 75134
February 28, 1991

Ben Love
Chief Scout Executive
Boy Scouts of America
P.O.Box 152079
Irving, Tx 75015-2079

Mr Love;

I was denied membership in the Boy Scouts of America in 1980. I would like to request a review and reconsideration of my application for membership.

Sincerely,

Joe D. Denison

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February 22, 1991

READY FOR FILE

FEB 22 1991

BARBARA GOSEY

Mr. Joe Dan Denison
3615 Ames Rd.
Lancaster, TX 75134

Dear Mr. Denison:

Your letter of February 14 has been reviewed, as well as the file which we have related to your registration and the denial in 1980.

Any parent can work with his son as a parent would normally participate. This means you could attend Courts of Honor, parent's night, and other function of this type where parents normally would be in attendance.

At the present time, we will not allow you to register as a leader or participate as a leader in an unregistered status in any way.

You could request another national review at this time if you so desire, since ten years have passed since the final decision on refusal. If you desire to request a review on the national level at this time, you may write directly to Mr. Ben Love, Chief Scout Executive at our National Office address.

I hope I have given you the information which you desired.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director
Registration and Statistical Service

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Elaine
Let me have file

3615 Ames Rd
Lancaster, Tx 75134
February 14, 1991

Paul Ernst
Boy Scouts of America-Registration
1325 W Walnut Hill
P.O.Box 152079
Irving, Tx 75015-2079

Mr Ernst;

In October 1980 I was denied membership in the Boy Scouts of America. I appealed the decision through the organization and the decision reached in 1981 was to continue to deny membership to me at that time.

I would like to again like to apply for membership in the Boy Scouts of America. I will accept any type conditional or probationary membership. I am not seeking membership or an association with any specific local Scouting organization.

I have a seven year old son who has friends in Scouting. He has asked some questions about the organization, although he has not specifically asked to join.

I do not wish to place him in a potentially embarressing environment regarding my own situation.

If additional information is required, please let me know.

Joe D Denison
Joe Dan Denison

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WILLIAM C. GAMBLE —— Council Executive

\# 571

Paul,

Please review the enclosed information and give me a call if you have any questions.

I have been in close touch with Dave Parks as well as circle Ten council's lawyer.

637-1480

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NO-REVIEW REQUESTED
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E. STARON

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DALLAS TIMES HERALD, Tuesday, March 17, 1981

Former Scouts leader indicted in sex abuse

Joe D. Denison

A former Lancaster Boy Scouts leader was indicted Monday on charges of sexually abusing a teenage member of his troop at the leader's home and on scouting trips in 1979.

Charged was Joe Dan Denison, 35, of 3815 Ames Road.

Denison, a telephone company employe who works in North Dallas, was arrested and arraigned shortly after noon Monday. He was released from Dallas County Jail Monday night on $7,500 bond.

The former Scouts leader is accused of having oral sex 12 to 15 times with a 14-year-old member of Boy Scouts Troop 524 in Lancaster, police said.

Six of those incidents allegedly occurred at Denison's house during April, May and June 1979; other sexual encounters took place on Boy Scouts outings to New Mexico and Austin, police said.

Lancaster Police Sgt. R.D. Campbell said the boy's mother approached Lancaster police in January and asked for an investigation in Denison's conduct.

But Kenneth Kahler, an assistant leader of Troop 524, said Monday he

See LEADER on Page 2-[illegible]

Former Scouts leader indicted

LEADER — From Metro Page

had heard about the allegations against Denison as early as May 1980, and that he immediately told the boy's mother about [illegible].

Billy Gamble, Scout executive of Circle 10 Council, said he found out about the allegations in September 1980, about the same time Denison was attempting to "charter" another Lancaster troop. Denison was immediately banned from involvement with the Scouts, Gamble [illegible]

Boy Scouts officials said they do not know how long Denison was part of their organization. He was a Scouts leader of his own group before it merged with Troop 524 about three years ago, they said.

Kahler said Denison was assistant Scouts leader in Troop 524 for "four or five months" in late 1978 and early 1979. After that, Denison stayed active with the Scouts and even sat on the "court of honor" that awarded merit badges in May 1979.

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JOHN S. BELL
8237 COLUMBIA DRIVE
TYLER, TEXAS 75703

3/27/82

Mr Wayne A. Taylor
Boy Scouts of America
Dallas Tx

Dear Wayne:

Enclosed is the memo to Harry Dovey from the Review Committee for the Denison matter which has been signed.

It was a pleasure being with you. Sorry I had to leave early. By the way, Alma is doing fine

Sincerely
John

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South Central Region
Boy Scouts of America

1325 Walnut Hill Lane, Irving, Texas
P. O. Box 2325
Irving, Texas 75061-1480

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Paul Ernst: Stem 0108

Paul - Copy of Regional President Letter to Joe D. Deneson re: results of Regional Review Committee. Please place in your file on this subject.

Wayne

WAYNE R. TAYLOR
214-659-2473

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A program for Cub Scouts, Scouts, and Explorers

South Central Region–Boy Scouts of America
P. O. Box 2325
Irving, Texas 75061-1480
Telephone: 214-659-2471

April 2, 1982

Mr. Joe D. Denison
3615 Ames Road
Lancaster, Texas 75134

Dear Mr. Denison:

I am writing to you concerning the decision of the Regional Review Committee, from the March 23, 1982 meeting you attended.

The Regional Review Committee found that the decision of the Council Review Committee is supported by the record and is consistent with the Boy Scouts of America Standards of Leadership, therefore, concurs with council action.

The decision of the Regional Review Committee is subject to review by a review committee established at the National Council level. You must write to the chairman of the Personnel Committee at the national office of the Boy Scouts of America, explaining specifically why you believe the decision is in error before review proceedings will be initiated by the National Council.

I thank you for your conduct and controlled approach at the hearing.

Cordially,

Harry E. Bovay Jr.

HARRY E. BOVAY, JR.
Regional President

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April 2, 1982

Wayne; We rewrote letter to change date to March 23 (Xerox copy attached) HEB

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3615 Ames Road
Lancaster, Texas 75134

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Cordially,

Harry E. Bovay Jr.

HARRY E. BOVAY, JR.
Regional President

HEB:mh

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

CIRCLE TEN COUNCIL

September 28th, 1981

Mr. Joe Dan Denison
3615 Ames Road
Lancaster, Texas 75134

Dear Mr. Denison:

Attached hereto is a memorandum on the decision of the review committee with respect to your request for reinstatement into the Boy Scouts of America.

If you wish to pursue the matter further, you should write to the South Central Regional President, Mr. Harry Bovay, at Bovay Engineering, Inc., P. O. Box 8098, Houston, Texas 77004. You should explain why you believe the decision of the Circle Ten Council is in error before review proceedings will be initiated by the South Central Region.

Very truly yours,

Louis A. Beecherl, Jr.
President - 1981
Circle Ten Council

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cc: Mr. Harry Bovay
Bovay Engineering, Inc.
P.O.Box 3098
Houston, Texas 77004

EXHIBIT

PAGE ONE

September 23, 1981

MEMO

To: Mr. Louis Beecherl, Jr.

From: Rebel Blackwell, Jr.

Subject: Mr. Joe Dan Denison's request for reinstatement into the Boy Scouts of America

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The committee that you appointed to consider Mr. Joe Dan Denison's request for reinstatement into the Boy Scouts of America met on Tuesday, September 22, 1981 at the Circle Ten Council's offices, 1922 Anson Road. The committee was composed of Rebel E. Blackwell, Jr., Ray Marr and Robert Ritchie. Billy Gamble and yourself were in attendance, but were not permitted to vote.

The unanimous decision of the committee was to deny Mr. Denison's request for reinstatement.

If you have any questions regarding our findings, please give me a call.

Sincerely,

Rebel

Rebel E. Blackwell, Jr.

cc: Robert Ritchie

EXHIBIT "A"

PAGE TWO

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April 20, 1981

Mr. William C. Gamble
Scout Executive
Circle Ten Council #571

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: Joe Dan Denison

Dear Billy:

Thank you for the detailed information you gave us on the above Scouter. We have discussed this case with our attorney and have now placed this man on the Confidential File.

Thanks very muuh,

Paul I. Ernst, Director
Registration, Subscription &
Statistical Service
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March 1, 1981

Mr. William C. Gamble
Scout Executive
Circle Ten Council #571

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: Joe Dan Denison

Dear Billy:

Thank you for the confidential record sheet concerning the above Scouter. This will be most helpful for identification purposes in the future. Thanks also for the clippings from the various newspapers.

We would appreciate any further information you may receive in the future.

Thanks very much,

Paul I. Ernst, Director
Registration, Subscription &
Statistical Service

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Jim Konishi called Faye this information:
Joe Denison was registered as
- ASM in 1963
- Dropped out in '64 and '65
- Back in as SM in 1966 – registered as SM since then –

18A The Dallas Morning News Tuesday, March 17, 1981

Jury indicts ex-scout leader

By STEVE McGONIGLE

The Dallas County grand jury indicted a 35-year-old former Boy Scout leader Monday on charges of sexual abuse of a child.

Named in the indictment was Joe Dan Denison of Lancaster.

Lancaster police Sgt. R.D. Campbell arrested Denison at the Southwestern Bell Telephone office, 5525 LBJ Freeway, Monday afternoon. He was arraigned before Justice of the Peace Robert Cole, who set bond at $7,500. Denison was released from Dallas City Jail Monday night.

The felony indictment stems from a 14-year-old boy's accusation that Denison repeatedly engaged in homosexual acts with him during overnight stays at Denison's home.

The boy, a member of Denison's Boy Scout troop, told Lancaster police he had grown close to Denison after his father's death several years ago. He said he ended their 3-year relationship in July 1980, but he did not reveal the sexual incidents until late last year.

Since the boy's allegations came to light, Denison has been suspended from participating in scouting activities by executives of the Circle 10 Boy Scout Council of Dallas.

If found guilty of the third-degree felony charge against him, Denison would face a maximum penalty of 10 years in prison.

Scout officials and Denison could not be reached for comment Monday night.

Statements given to Lancaster police show the boy joined Denison's scout troop and began spending the night with him when he was 11.

The statements also say Denison be[illegible] On two scout trips — in New Mexico in July 1979 and Austin in February 1980 — Deni[illegible] homosexual [illegible] according to the statements.

The boy revealed the incidents during questioning by his head scoutmaster and an assistant scoutmaster about marijuana smoking during summer camp last year.

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NARRATIVE STATEMENT

Allegations Made Against
Joe Dan Denison by Scout [redacted]

By: William C. Gamble, Scout Executive

In August, 1980, District Executive Terry Lawson came to me with a report from an adult leader in Troop #524 that Assistant Scoutmaster Joe Dan Denison had been accused by Scout [redacted] of a homosexual involvement with him.

Within two weeks, I met, at my request, with the adult leaders, [redacted] [redacted] and [redacted], who related the accusations by Scout [redacted] [redacted] saying that Joe Dan Denison had on a number of occasions performed on him oral sex action. [redacted] also told them that Mr. Denison kept sex books at his home and showed them to other boys. I was told by Mr. [redacted] and Mr. [redacted] that [redacted] volunteered to take a polygraph to prove he was telling the truth.

After consultation with Dave Parks, attorney with the National Council, Boy Scouts of America, and Robert F. Ritchie, attorney for Circle Ten Council, I informed the Circle Ten Council registration department that when Mr. Denison tried to reregister in Scouting to tell him to see me.

Approximately late August or early September, Mr. Denison attempted to register as a Scoutmaster of another troop. The registration department of Circle Ten Council informed him that he would have to see me before he could register.

I met with Mr. Denison and informed him of the allegations by [redacted] [redacted] and the fact that [redacted] was willing to take a polygraph. Mr.

Narrative Statement

Allegations Made Against
Joe Dan Denison by Scout [redacted]

Denison denied the charges by [redacted]

I explained to Mr. Denison that membership in the Boy Scouts of America was a privilege and not a right and that this matter would have to be resolved before he could reregister in Scouting.

I suggested that he might want to consider a meeting with [redacted] and his mother.

I asked Mr. Denison if he also would be willing to submit to a polygraph. His answer was, "Yes." I told him that the Circle Ten Council would pay for the polygraph. I explained to Mr. Denison the allegations being made against him would be kept confidential.

During the months from September through December, Mr. Denison called me on several occasions asking if I would be willing to meet with him as he confronted [redacted] and his mother. After consulting with the Circle Ten Council attorney, Robert Ritchie, I told Joe I would meet with him and the [redacted].

On November 5, 1980, I received a letter (Exhibit A) from Mr. Denison's attorney stating that he did not want a confrontation with the [redacted].

On November 26, 1980, Jim Kaminski, Director of Field Service; and Terry Lawson, District Executive, met with [redacted] and his mother at their home and were given details of the alleged sex acts performed on [redacted] by Mr. Denison.

On December 12, 1980, I received a letter (Exhibit B) from Mr. Denison

Narrative Statement

Allegations Made Against
Joe Dan Denison by Scout [redacted]

which said that he and his attorney felt that he should not subscribe to the polygraph.

On December 22, 1980, a polygraph examination was administered to [redacted] by Don E. McElroy and Associates (Exhibit C).

On January 2, 1981, I called Mr. Denison to inform him that [redacted] had taken the polygraph and that in the examiner's opinion that [redacted] was non-deceptive.

I explained to Mr. Denison that until the matter was resolved in his favor, he was being denied membership in the Boy Scouts of America and was not to serve in any registered or unregistered capacity with any Scout unit or activity.

On Jan. 27, the Dist. Sc. Ex. [illegible] visited the troop and found Mr. Denison conducting the troop meeting.

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ADDENDUM TO

NARRATIVE STATEMENT CONCERNING ALLEGATION MADE AGAINST JOE D. DENISON

January 28, 1981

Joe Denison called Billy Gamble to say that he had scheduled a meeting for February 10 in Lancaster with the troop committee of the troop with which he is currently associated. He stated the purpose of the meeting was to tell the committee of the allegation being made against him by the [redacted] and that he was being denied membership in Scouting, including any association official or unofficial. Mr. Denison asked me to be present. After consulting with the Circle Ten Council attorney, Robert Ritchie, I told Mr. Denison that I would be present at the February 10 meeting.

February 10, 1981

The following people were in attendance at the meeting:

Troop Committee Chairman - Dr. Garrett Maxwell

The Scouting Coordinator from the Lions Club - Gibb Gardiner

Former Scoutmaster - James Griffin

District Executive of Wisdom Trail District - Terry Lawson

Scout Executive of Circle Ten Council - William C. Gamble.

Mr. Denison explained the charges that had been made against him by the [redacted] and that the council was denying him membership in Scouting. It became obvious that Mr. Denison had already informed them of the charges before the meeting, and only pretended to be informing them at this time.

This was confirmed later in the meeting.

The committee appeared to be convinced of Mr. Denison's innocence of the charges and proceeded to try to convince Circle Ten Council to allow him to continue in at least an unofficial capacity. I restated the policy of the Boy Scouts of America regarding adult membership standards of the Boy Scouts of America and told them their troop charter would be "pulled" if they refused to comply with the policy of the Boy Scouts of America.

The three committee members and Mr. Denison understand Scouting's position in this matter and are to select a new leader.

EXHIBIT A

- 1980

Joe Dan Denison
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H - 234 - 1700

CROWDER & MATTOX
ATTORNEYS AND COUNSELORS
2017 CEDAR SPRINGS ROAD
DALLAS, TEXAS 75201
(214) 744-5161

A. DON CROWDER
JANICE L. MATTOX
ROBERT N. UDASHEN

OF COUNSEL:
JAMES A. MATTOX

BRANCH OFFICE:
105 W. MAIN ST.
P. O. BOX 45
ALLEN, TEXAS 75002
(214) 727-4618

November 5, 1980

Mr. Billy Gamble
Scout Executive
P.O. Box 35726
Dallas, Texas 75235

Re: Joe Denison

Dear Mr. Gamble:

This is to advise you that I represent Mr. Joe Denison.

Mr. Denison has asked me to help him resolve a problem he is having with Boy Scouting because of allegations made against him by [redacted]. I understand that you are aware of these allegations and that you discussed them with Mr. Denison.

Mr. Denison emphatically denies the charges levelled against him by [redacted] Mr. Denison does not, however, desire a confrontation with the [redacted] over this matter. Such a confrontation could prove embarrassing not only to Mr. Denison, but to the [redacted] and to the Boy Scouts. Mr. Denison would prefer to work this out in a professional manner and among as few people as possible. This would minimize the potential damage to Mr. Denison's excellent reputation and would also minimize the liability of the [redacted] and the Boy Scouts for repeating unfounded charges about Mr. Denison.

All Mr. Denison wants is to be allowed to continue in Scouting. This is a very important part of his life that he does not want to give up. Mr. Denison does not desire any further contact with the [redacted] It should be a simple matter to arrange for Mr. Denison to participate with a Scout Troop other than the one to which [redacted] belongs.

Please let me know if I can be of any assistance to you in resolving this matter. Hopefully this can be done quickly and without the need for protracted litigation.

Yours very truly,

CROWDER & MATTOX

Robert Udashen

Robert Udashen

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EXHIBIT B

3615 Ames Rd
Lancaster Tx 75134
December 12, 1980

Mr Gamble -

I am quite anxious to resolve the allegations made against me by [redacted]

Since our last conversation I have consulted with my attorney regarding the lie detector test you have indicated you would arrange. He educated me regarding the reliability of polygraph tests and tells me it would not be in the best interest of me, Scouting, or [redacted] to spend time and money for such tests. He can - and will, if needed - elaborate further, but basically they have not proven reliable even when administered by highly skilled and trained examiners.

Actually a test isn't required for me, but some explanation is. Why this entire situation has been handled in the manner ~~as~~ it has been is really baffling to me.

I can tell you that I no longer feel very patient while since October 31 I have been a non-member of this organization. I request to be re-instated

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at once. Can you provide objective answers to these questions:

1. Why was no effort made by the family of [redacted] to contact me to determine the validity of his allegations.

2. Why was no effort made by [redacted] Scoutmaster to contact me before these allegations were made public? NONE!

3. If the [redacted] story is so convincing why haven't the police been informed? At least in a court of law I would be entitled to due process.

4. Why did the Scout organization not make any effort to contact me to quiz me about these allegations? NO Effort! I was presumed to be guilty. That is not fair or reasonable.

5. If I am guilty as has been presumed, then would it be in my interest at all to challenge these allegations? No it would not. So why have I?

Each day this entire situation is on my mind. I cannot work and concentrate on the future not knowing from one day to the next whether or not it will become necessary for me to challenge these nasty

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and untruthful allegations in a civil court. Let me assure you again that if the final judgement of the Scouting organization is that I cannot register then I am prepared to engage in whatever litigation is necessary to be re-instated.

I am an Eagle Scout, Order of the Arrow member. I have served as an active Scoutmaster for more than 11 years. Troop 503 was one of the best units in Circle 10 Council. Active, ~~[illegible]~~ and busy.

For years boys have been on trips ~~[illegible]~~ with me — camping, Philmont, 2 National Jamborees, 1 world Jamboree, plus numerous ski trips, fishing trips, and other activities. Not once — <u>Not</u> <u>ONCE</u> has this kind of allegation been made against me. With all those opportunities, does it seem reasonable that after hundreds of other opportunities suddenly I would ~~[illegible]~~ develop into a child molester? Just because <u>one</u> <u>child</u> with a reputation for drug abuse, with a history of emotional instability, with a reputation for blaming others for his own problems — just because he makes this ridiculous accusation <u>does</u> <u>not</u> <u>make</u> <u>it</u> <u>true</u>.

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Now I am angry. I am angry that I live in fear that some one is going to openly make this information available to the adults with the Troop in Lancaster. Think how heart breaking it could be to those Scouts who have trusted and believed in me. Think how devastating it could be to those Scouts presently in that troop.

Lets get this over with.

I am tired of consulting with my lawyer and you consulting with yours. I implore you to immediately permit me to register in Scouting.

If you completely refuse to permit that then I demand a meeting with my accusers. And in addition to [redacted], includ whomever the rumor monger is that reported this tale to the Scout office.

underlined by Donald Billy

Do you know that everyone refuses to tell me who reported this. I dont know who my accuser is. I want to meet them face to face if that is required. And you need to be present if you are the one who can make the decision to re-instate me in Scouting.

Do you realize I dont know

anything about [redacted] accusion as far as specifics. Like where, when, frequency, etc. I can refute every detail but doesn't it seem reasonable that if you are going to convict me without a fair hearing, I should at least have some specifics and be allowed to confront my accusers.

Mr Gamble, you seem to be a fair man and you seem to want to be reasonable. Please give some fair consideration to this and I believe you will agree to allow me to register in Scouting.

If a meeting is necessary, then let me know where and when. I plan to come with whatever is necessary to refute these claims.

At this point there is not in my mind one shred of evidence to substantiate [redacted] claim. And there is every reason to believe me.

His ploy worked – no one mentions his and [redacted] son involvement in drugs.

Let me hear from you soon.

Joe Denison

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EXHIBIT C

Offices of

DON E. McELROY

American Bank Building
800 West Airport Freeway
Suite 301
IRVING, TEXAS 75062

AREA CODE 214-438-6565

December 30, 1980

Mr. James Kaminski
Boy Scouts of America
1922 Anson Road
Dallas, Texas 75235

Re: [redacted]

Dear Mr. Kaminski:

As per your request on December 22, 1980 a polygraph examination was administered to [redacted] at my office in Irving, Texas. The purpose of the examination was to verify the fact that he was truthful in certain allegations of sexual abuse against a Joe Dan Dennison.

SUBJECT DATA:

Name: [redacted]
Address: [redacted]., Dallas, Texas
Height: 5'7"
Weight: 110 lbs.
Hair: Brown
Eyes: Hazel

Mr. [redacted] is a caucasian male, age 15, born 4/21/65 in Dallas, Texas. He is in the 10th grade at Skyline High School and he denies any arrests in his background.

CASE DETAILS:

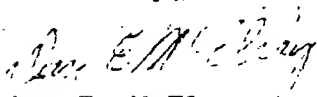
You advised prior to the examination that sometime between January 1979 through August 1979 that [redacted] had made certain allegations of sexual abuse by Joe Dan Dennison, an adult. You advised that [redacted] alleges that Joe Dan Dennison did use his mouth on [redacted] penis and this occurred numerous times between January and August 1979.

PRE-TEST INTERVIEW:

During the pre-test interview [redacted] stated he had been in scouts about 4 years and his first contact with Joe Dan Dennison was when he was asked to stay at his house in Lancaster, Texas. He said he spent the night with him, that he was sleeping and he can remember Dennison getting close to him in the bed and he touched around on him. He said Joe Dennison then put his mouth on his penis and [redacted] stated he reached a climax at that time. He states this occurred off and on for approximately 15 times o

more from January 1979 through August 1979. He can remember specifically at Camp Philmoung where he was assigned to Dennison's tent. He said he can remember 2 or 3 times during that campout, the man doing the same thing to him and he would reach a climax and the man would swallow it. When questioned further, he said he was scared and didn't know what to do. He was scared to resist and didn't know how to handle it, until it came out in a discussion with a couple of friends of his and there was some indication Dennison had had some problems with his other friends and that was when it came to light.

TEST ADMINISTRATION:

Following the pre-test interview a test was structured and administered to [redacted]. Following is a list of the pertinent issue test questions and noted are his responses.

1. Concerning the questions I will be asking you about Joe Dennison, do you intend to answer them with the truth?

   A: Yes.

2. Are you truthful when you say between January 1979 and August 1979, Joe Dan Dennison put his mouth on your penis several times?

   A: Yes.

3. Did you encourage Joe Dennison into having oral sex with you at any time?

   A: No.

4. Between January 1979 and August 1979 on campouts, did Joe Dennison put his mouth on your penis like you say?

   A: Yes.

5. Were you truthful when you said you were scared to say anything about Joe Dennison to anyone at the time?

   A: Yes.

TEST RESULTS:

Evaluation of [redacted] polygrams revealed criteria indicating no deceptive responding to relevant issue test questions. It is the examiner's opinion, based on responses that did appear, that he was non-deceptive.

The above information is furnished to assist you in your further investigation of this matter. Should I be of any further assistance, please call.

Sincerely,

Don E. McElroy

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